

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1-137 (cancelled);

Claim 138 (currently amended) A latch arrangement for engaging an automatic door or closure to a striker comprising:

- a) an electric motor;
- b) a driving ~~an and~~ indexing member coupled to the motor, the driving and indexing member having a single projection extending therefrom;
- c) at least one actuation member engagable to the single projection, as the projection moves in a first direction the actuation member being displaceable in response to operation of the motor;
- d) a latch assembly bolt mechanically coupled to the projection and displaceable to a latched position ~~for latching and unlatching the striker~~ in direct response to movement of the projection in the first direction; and
- e) a latching pawl mechanically coupled to the projection and operative to lock the latching bolt mechanism in direct response to movement of the projection in the first direction.

Claim 139 (previously presented) The latch arrangement as recited in Claim 138 wherein the driving and indexing member is a rotary driving and indexing member.

Claim 140 (withdrawn)

Claim 141 (currently amended) The latch arrangement as recited in Claim 138 wherein the latch assembly bolt is in the direct driving engagement with the projection.

Claim 142 (currently amended) The latch arrangement as recited in Claim 138 141 wherein the latching pawl is in direct driving engagement with the projection.

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Claim 143 (previously presented) The arrangement as recited in Claim 138 wherein the motor is mechanically engaged only to the driving and indexing member.

Claim 144 (currently amended) The latch arrangement as recited in Claim 138 wherein the ~~latch assembly latches the striker bolt is displaced to a latched position~~ in response to movement of the projection a first distance.

Claim 145 (currently amended) The latch arrangement as recited in Claim 144 wherein the latching pawl is operative to lock the latch ~~assembly~~ bolt in response to movement of the projection a second distance.

Claim 146 (previously presented) The latch arrangement as recited in Claim 145 wherein the second distance is greater than the first distance.

Claim 147 (previously presented) The latch arrangement as recited in Claim 146 wherein the first and second distances are rotational distances.